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TO THE HONOURABLE,
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

SIR:

I have the honour to submit herewith the report of the operations of the Drainage Council for the year 1921.

The Drainage Council was provided for by The Drainage Districts Act, 1921, passed at the last session of the Legislature. Its duties are to advise the boards of trustees of drainage districts upon the conduct of district business. Incidentally also a considerable amount of work is done in connection with proposed district organization.

Under the Drainage District Act which was passed in 1916 and repealed in 1921, being replaced by the Drainage Districts Act, 1921, a number of districts were formed and construction work undertaken.

In the new Act it was provided that those things which had already been done under the old Act were made valid under the new. The new Act came into force on the 23rd day of June, 1921.

On the 1st day of July, 1921, the undersigned were appointed as Drainage Council.

There are four districts for which debentures were issued and where construction was commenced under the old Act, as follows:

| *Name of District* | *Debenture Issue* |
|---|---|
| Holden—No. 1 | $200,000.00 |
| Viking—No. 6 | 41,000.00 |
| Daysland—No. 4 | 300,000.00 |
| Dickson—No. 7 | 46,000.00 |

The above work was all commenced for the District under the direction of the Minister of Public Works.

When the new Act came into force it became necessary for these districts to elect trustees and in order that business might be carried on until the election of trustees an official trustee, the Deputy Minister of Public Works, was appointed to hold office until elections could be held. Elections were duly held, and, except in Viking District, where no nominations were received, trustees took office. Provisions have been made for another election in Viking District which will be held early in 1922.

In the Holden District the works were practically completed in September last. The work will probably be finally taken over from the contractors next spring.

In the Dickson District the contractor had failed to complete the work and it had been taken out of his hands by the Department in 1920. After the election of trustees the work was recommenced in the fall of 1921 and carried on in a very satisfactory manner by letting the same in small contracts to farmers of the district. It is expected that the works will be completed early in 1922.

In the Daysland District the work is in course of construction by the Northern Construction Company who have the contract. The

trustees, with the approval of the Council, have agreed to take over from the contractors the construction of lateral ditches and bridges. The main ditch is to be finished by the contractors. Completion of the work is expected by the fall of 1922.

In the Viking District the works were practically completed some time ago.

The Forestburg District had also been formed under the old Act but no construction work undertaken. The people of the district determined not to proceed and the district is being closed out.

The Hay Lake Drainage District is proposing to complete its organization and proceed at an early date.

As a report on the work itself in drainage districts has already been made in the report of the Drainage Branch of the Department of Public Works, any detailed reference to the same is unnecessary here.

Respectfully submitted,

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